

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

WHO News

11th World Health Assembly in the United States

The 11th World Health Assembly opened in Minneapolis on May 28, the first meeting of WHO's governing body in the United States. Dr. Sabih Hassan Al-Wahbi presided over the opening sessions, at the second of which Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney succeeded Dr. Al-Wahbi as president. Other officers elected included three vice-presidents, Dr. J. Anouti, director general of Lebanon's Ministry of Health; Dr. A. Sauter, director of public health of Switzerland; and Dr. Tran Vy, health minister of Viet Nam. Also elected were Professor N. N. Pesonen, director general of Finland's State Medical Board as chairman of the Committee on Program and Budget, and S. Khanachet, member of the Saudi Arabian Legation in Bonn as chairman of the Committee on Administration, Finance, and Legal Matters. Delegates of Chile, Ecuador, France, Ghana, India, Japan, Mexico, the United Kingdom, and the USSR were elected to the General Committee which includes also the president, the vice-presidents, and the chairmen of the two main committees.

The Assembly was attended by about 350 delegates representing nearly all of the 88 member states of WHO. In his address of welcome President Al-Wahbi especially welcomed delegations from new members, the Federation of Malaya and the United Arab Republic, and from Czechoslovakia, which resumed active status as a member for the first time since 1950.

Leon Bernard Prize to Dr. Parran

On May 30, the World Health Assembly, meeting in Minneapolis, awarded its Leon Bernard Foundation prize to Thomas Parran, M.D., former Surgeon General of the Public Health Service.

In presenting the award, newly elected President Leroy E. Burney, M.D., reviewed Dr. Parran's outstanding contributions to public health services in the United States, particularly in expanding venereal disease, tuberculosis, and cancer control programs, in providing assistance to states for public health programs, and in establishing large-scale grants for hospital construction. He cited also Dr. Parran's preparatory work in establishing WHO as well as his role in the first World Health Assembly.

In his acceptance address, Dr. Parran surveyed the tasks ahead for WHO. "Each new break-through of a discovery in the health sciences and each shift in living patterns will produce additional tasks for WHO and for national health services." Dr. Parran proposed that member states, in addition to their regular contributions to WHO, use 2 per cent of their annual appropriations for military purposes as extra contribution to the Expanded Program of Technical Assistance, in which WHO should have a substantial share. "With such funds, malaria eradication would be speeded up; smallpox, tuberculosis, syphilis and yaws would be next to go. . . . Then WHO could turn its energies more fully to improved nutrition, to promoting physical and mental vigor, to expanding scientific health knowledge, and to the most difficult task of all, the improved harmony of human relations."

The Bernard Prize was originally established in honor of Professor Bernard of France, who was a member of the Health Committee of the League of Nations, in recognition of outstanding achievements in the field of social medicine. Earlier recipients were Professor Rene Sand of Belgium, Professor C.-E. A. Winslow of the United States, Dr. Johannes Frandsen of Denmark, Professor Jacques Parisot of France,

Professor Andrija Stampar of Yugoslavia, and Professor Marcin Kacprzak of Poland.

Commemorating the 10th Anniversary

The 10th Anniversary of WHO was celebrated in Minneapolis on May 26 and 27, preceding the 11th World Health Assembly. Presiding at the opening evening session, attended by some 3,000 persons and addressed by delegates from 43 countries, was Dr. Sabih Hassan Al-Wahbi, president of WHO and former Iranian Minister of Health. Mayor P. K. Peterson of Minneapolis greeted the delegates. Governor Orville L. Freeman took note of the coincidence of WHO's 10th anniversary and Minnesota's 100th.

The message of secretary general of the United Nations, Dag Hammarskjöld, brought by Philippe de Seynes, under-secretary for economic and social affairs, stressed progress made in nutrition jointly by WHO and FAO, in maternal and child health by UNICEF and WHO, and in fundamental education by UNESCO and WHO. The president of the assembly reviewed the many contributions of the United States to world health, such as the war against yellow fever, the more recent pioneer work in polio immunization, and the training of public health personnel. He paid tribute to the U. S. Public Health Service for the good will with which it has made its staff available to WHO.

At later sessions Brock Chisholm, M.D., first director general of WHO, and two former presidents of the World Health Assembly, Dr. Karl Evang of Norway and Dr. Joseph Togba of Liberia, were among the speakers. President Eisenhower was represented by Dr. Milton Eisenhower, president of Johns Hopkins University, who announced that the United States government was prepared to contribute in the neighborhood of \$300,000 to a world attack on major illnesses such as cancer and heart dis-

ease. At these sessions also the ministers of health of many of the member nations of WHO reviewed health progress in their own countries. In Korea, for example, smallpox cases dropped from 43,000 cases in 1951 to seven in 1957; in South Africa 8 per cent of its national budget is now devoted to preventive and curative medicine; in Iraq WHO has served as "an impulse and catalyst" in many such projects as bejel and venereal disease control, tuberculosis control, and malaria eradication. At this session, Dr. Candau, director general, reviewed the 10 years of WHO. The growth of its budget from five to 14 million dollars he cited "as a tangible proof of the growing confidence that all nations have in the organization." He also reported progress in solving the shortage of trained public health personnel, which he called perhaps the greatest obstacle to raising health standards throughout the world. Sir Arcot Mudaliar, vice-chancellor of Madras University, India, and one time chairman of the WHO Executive Board, prophesied that the idea of world citizenship might spring from WHO which has had "more contact with common men throughout the world today" than any other organization.

WHO Story to Selected Reporters

Preceding the 10th World Health Assembly in Minneapolis beginning May 28, M. G. Candau, M.D., general director of WHO, passed through New York City. At the invitation of the Overseas Press Club he addressed its monthly luncheon meeting on May 15. In his talk he outlined some of the basic facts about WHO and its operations. He stressed particularly its world-wide and democratic organization—88 member nations each with a single vote. By comparing WHO's most recent budget of thirteen and a half million dollars with nearly twice that of New York City's health budget, Dr. Candau was able to dramatize WHO's function as

"stimulating vast public health undertakings" rather than financing them. WHO should be thought of as a "catalytic agent," helping "to strengthen the national health services so that they can stand on their own feet."

Dr. Candau indicated that WHO's greatest single accomplishment in the first ten years has been in getting governments and health administrations to work together in common health problems whose solutions demand close cooperation. There has also come about a vitally important change in public health philosophy and outlook. Only a few years ago eradication of certain communicable diseases was a Utopian dream; today it is a guiding principle accompanied by practical steps toward that goal.

Preceding the World Health Assembly in Minneapolis, WHO held a two-day meeting, May 26 and 27, celebrating its tenth anniversary.

Findings of National Health Survey

A series of reports on the findings of the National Health Survey are now in distribution by the Public Health Service. The first two appeared in April and May. They deal with the volume respectively of physician visits and dental care during the third quarter of 1957.

On the basis of a sampling—of approximately 9,000 households comprising 28,500 persons—it is estimated that people in the United States visit their physicians about five times a year, varying from less than three per year for rural farm people, about four and a half for nonfarm rural, and slightly over five for urban. About two-thirds of visits are for diagnosis and treatment services and only about one-third for preventive care and service.

On the basis of the same sampling, it is estimated that only about 36 per cent of the population visited a dentist within the year, and that 42 per cent

had not visited one for three years or more. About 41 per cent of visits involved fillings, about 20 per cent, extractions. Persons in urban areas visit a dentist more frequently than those in rural areas, and women more frequently than men. There is further indication that 13 per cent of the population have lost all their teeth.

"Preliminary Report on Volume of Physician Visits, United States, July–September, 1957," PHS Publication No. 584–B1. "Preliminary Report on Volume of Dental Care, United States, July–September, 1957," PHS Publication No. 584–B2. Gov. Ptg. Office, Washington, D. C.; 25 cents each.

Border Public Health Society Meets

More than 300 delegates attended the 16th annual meeting of the United States–Mexico Border Public Health Association in El Paso, Tex., and Juarez, Mexico, April 7–11. Each of the four American and six Mexican border states were represented by members of their state and local health services.

An entire day was devoted to a seminar on diarrheal diseases, with an opening statement by Manuel E. Pesqueira, M.D., undersecretary of health and welfare, Mexico. This was followed by group discussions and the preparation of a joint report that will be distributed to the members of the Association.

In one plenary session, David E. Price, chief, Bureau of State Services, Public Health Service, pointed out the advantages for programs of health protection and promotion of cooperation among various health agencies, both national and international. At another plenary session, Malcolm H. Merrill, M.D., California state health officer and retiring president of the Association gave a talk on his recent visit as member of a public health mission to Russia which he illustrated with colored slides.

The Sanitation, Nursing, Veterinary

Public Health, Maternal and Child Health, Venereal Disease, and Tuberculosis Sections each held two or more meetings. Simultaneous interpretation services were provided throughout the sessions with the cooperation of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

Newly elected officers are:

President—Ing. Alberto Ortiz Irigoyen, secretary, Ministry of Hydraulic Resources, Mexico

President-Elect—Henry A. Holle, M.D., Texas commissioner of health

Vice-Presidents—Dr. Eduardo Takasita Elizondo, chief, Department of Health and Welfare of the state of Tamaulipas; Vincent V. Larson, Arizona State Department of Health

Secretary—Dr. Jorge Roman, chief, PASB/WHO Field Office, El Paso (reelected)

The 1959 meeting will be held March 30–April 3, in Brownsville, Tex., and Matamoros, Tamaulipas.

1960 Conference, Children, Youth

In preparation for the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth, Marion B. Folsom, secretary of health, education, and welfare, has invited each of the state governors to appoint state committees to participate in planning for the conference. These committees would prepare for a national and state-by-state stocktaking on problems of children and youth and would serve as liaison between the states and a national over-all advisory committee still to be appointed.

Health Careers Commission

The Health Careers Commission, recently established by the National Health Council, celebrated National Medical Education Week with its first public meeting. At a luncheon in New York City, Howard A. Rusk, M.D., chairman, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, New York University-Bellevue Medical Center, speaking on

“Health Manpower, an Essential Investment,” indicated a shortage of trained personnel in practically all of the more than 150 health occupations. The meeting was chaired by Commission Chairman Leonard A. Scheele, M.D., former Surgeon General of the Public Health Service.

This meeting was also the occasion for presentation of a citation to Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. In presenting the award for his organization, Joseph P. Anderson, executive director of the National Association of Social Workers, cited the National Foundation's “pioneering leadership in the field of professional education and for its aid in the creation of a trained corps of medical social workers.”

Columbia to Study Health Plans

Because the Associated Hospital Service of New York has petitioned the state's legislature for permission to increase by 40 per cent the premiums paid by members, a study is under way of the 19 Blue Cross, Blue Shield and dental expense indemnity plans in the state. The study will be made by the Columbia University School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine under the direction of its executive officer, Ray E. Trussell, M.D. Out of the study it is hoped to establish guidelines for fair rates.

The services of the Columbia faculty are being provided without charge but the cost services of other experts and the staff of the study is being met by the 19 nonprofit plans.

Health Programs in Small Plants

“Small Plant Health and Medical Programs,” published in 1952, by the Public Health Service, has been reissued. The publication contains useful information for employers who wish to estab-

lish implant health programs and for labor, professional, and other groups with a special interest in employee health.

PHS Publication No. 215, Occupational Health Program, Public Health Service, Washington 25, D. C.

Air Pollution Control in 4th Year

Back in 1954, Governor Knight of California asked the State Health Department to investigate air pollution in the state and its health effects. Within six months an initial detailed report, "Clean Air for California," including an impressive bibliography, was made to the Governor and widely published. Shortly thereafter in 1955 an Air Sanitation Bureau was established in the State Health Department. Since then two further printed reports, one for 1955, one for 1956 have appeared.

The 1956 report found two facts standing out from all the background of new information: the problem is spreading and progress is being made in fact-finding and control.

By September, 1957, the Air Sanitation Bureau issued the Clean Air Quarterly as "a regular system of communications (for information that is of state-wide interest) between the air pollution control districts, the universities and the research agencies, and the unofficial organizations concerned with air pollution." This is a mimeographed document of some 18 to 24 pages.

The third issue of this quarterly, the first of 1958, is the annual report issue. It reports some smog improvement in the areas chiefly affected but the areas affected appear to have widened. A plant damage survey was established in the state by the state's Agricultural Extension Service. A nine-member advisory committee to the air sanitation program was appointed "to provide the department with an independent and outside viewpoint on air pollution in-

cluding concepts and contents of its program, its role in the state-wide air pollution problems, and important developments in the field." Also to be noted is the fact that this fourth annual report, as a part of the Quarterly, is a far less costly production than the earlier ones.

John A. Maga is chief of the Bureau of Air Sanitation. Serving with him on the editorial board of the Quarterly are the chief of the Air Sanitation Laboratory, Harold L. Helwig; chief of the Bureau of Chronic Diseases, Lester Breslow, M.D.; and a health education consultant of the department, Yolande Lyon.

Medicine and City Planning

Various aspects of the urban environment have long concerned public health. Nowhere in the pertinent literature, however, have the relations of health and urban environment been integrated and presented in a truly comprehensive manner. This task has now been accomplished in a massive two-volume work, "Medizin und Städtebau," recently published in Germany. There is no doubt that this encyclopedic work, edited by Dr. Paul Vogler and Professor Erich Kühn, is a landmark in the study of urban living. The two volumes are published by Urban and Schwarzenberg, Munich, Germany. An extended review of the work will appear in an early issue of the Journal.

Nutrition Training Fellowship

The National Vitamin Foundation invites individuals with doctorate degrees in medicine or one of the biological sciences, who wish to continue their training in the science of nutrition, to become candidates for a Foundation-Russell M. Wilder Fellowship. This postdoctorate fellowship was created by the Foundation to honor Dr. Russell M. Wilder of the Emeritus Staff of the Mayo Clinic

for his more than forty years of devoted service and significant contributions to medicine and public health and particularly for his leadership in advancing our knowledge of diseases of metabolism and nutrition.

The three-year fellowship which becomes effective July or September, 1959, pays the recipient \$4,500 the first year, \$5,000 the second, and \$5,500 the third year. The candidate selects the institution in which he plans to work. His application must include statements from the executive officer and the head of the department under whom the candidate will work, indicating that he will be permitted and encouraged to carry on his work. He must also outline a program of study approved by his preceptor and give reasonable assurance that he will complete his fellowship and continue to work in the field of metabolism and nutrition following the fellowship period.

A Scientific Advisory Committee chooses the successful candidate. Completed application forms must reach the Foundation not later than September 1, 1958, and applicants are notified not later than January 1, 1959. Application forms and further information from the National Vitamin Foundation, 149 East 78th St., New York 21, N. Y.

NTA Wins WBC Paul Revere Award

The 1957 Paul Revere Award of the Westinghouse Broadcasting Company has been made to the National Tuberculosis Association and its 2,750 local affiliates. The award was made in recognition of a consistent, effective, and imaginative use of radio and television with specific local emphasis to alert the American public to the ever-present menace of tuberculosis. The presentation was the concluding feature of the WBC-sponsored Baltimore Conference on Local Public Service Programming, held March 5-8 at Johns Hopkins Uni-

versity. The NTA was especially commended for the artistic and effective showmanship embodied in its educational film, "Are You Positive?" and for the competence and diligence in its promotion of the film for wide showing in local areas.

A Paul Revere Awards Citation was presented to the American Foundation for the Blind for its effective use of local radio and television to "help those handicapped by blindness to achieve the fullest possible development and utilization of their capacities and their maximum integration into the social, cultural, and economic life of the community and to create a more realistic attitude toward blindness among the sighted."

PERSONALS

C. EARL ALBRECHT, M.D.,* former acting director, Ohio Department of Mental Hygiene and Correction, has been named deputy secretary of health of Pennsylvania, succeeding CHARLES L. WILBAR, JR., M.D.,* named secretary.

THOMAS H. ALPHIN, M.D., former director, Washington office, AMA, has resigned to become associate medical director, Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U. S., New York City.

ERNEST C. ANDERSON,* former assistant chief, Radiological Health Program, Division of Sanitary Engineering Services, in now chief, Special Projects Branch, Division of Radiological Health, Public Health Service.

WILFRED BLOOMBERG, M.D., former associate director for mental health, Southern Regional Education Board, is now commissioner of mental health for Connecticut.

FRANCES CALVERT, a volunteer worker for many years, has been appointed executive director, Travis County (Tex.) Tuberculosis Association.

CHARLES M. CARPENTER, M.D.,* professor of infectious diseases and chairman of the department, University of California School of Medicine, Los Angeles, has been awarded a six-week fellowship from the Del Amo Foundation for studying brucellosis and leprosy at the Universities of Madrid, Barcelona,

* Fellow.

- and Cordoba, in Spain, where he will also give lectures on brucellosis.
- DONALD R. CHADWICK, M.D., former liaison officer for radiation, Office of the Surgeon General, is now chief, Program Operations Branch, Radiological Health Program, Public Health Service.
- WILLIAM S. CLARK, M.D., former project director for teaching total rehabilitation, Western Reserve University Medical School, is now director of patient care, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, to supervise a nation-wide rehabilitation program for those suffering from the aftereffects of polio.
- SIR ALLEN DALEY,* Honorary Fellow, president, United Kingdom Committee for WHO, and former medical officer of health of the London County Council, has received the honorary degree LL.D. from Liverpool University.
- ANTOINETTE DIMLER, former executive secretary, Saratoga County (N.Y.) Tuberculosis and Health Association, is now executive secretary, Norwalk (Conn.) Heart Association, and part-time field representative, Connecticut Heart Association.
- LYMAN C. DURYEA, M.D., M.P.H.,* has succeeded O. E. PUCKETT, M.D., retired, as health officer, District 6, New Mexico, including Chavez, Eddy, and Lea Counties with headquarters in Carlsbad.
- STUART L. EDMONDS, field service consultant, Michigan Association for Better Hearing, has been named 1958 winner of the American Hearing Society's Kenfield Memorial Scholarship, an award made annually to a prospective teacher of lip-reading. Mr. Edmonds will study "Methodologies for Teaching Speech Reading" at Northwestern University.
- VICTOR M. EHLERS,* director, Division of Sanitary Engineering, Texas State Health Department, and LOUIS F. WARRICK,* chief, Technical Services, Water Supply and Water Pollution Control Branch, Public Health Service, have been elected honorary members of the American Water Works Association.
- JULIA L. FREITAG, M.D., senior public health physician, Bureau of Epidemiology and Communicable Disease Control, New York State Health Department, has been promoted to associate public health physician (epidemiology).
- LEON J. GINTZIG, Ph.D.,† formerly with the Veterans Administration Hospitals in several states, is now assistant professor, graduate program in hospital administration, State University of Iowa.
- CARLOS LUIS GONZALEZ, M.D., DR.P.H.,* who recently resigned as assistant director, Pan American Sanitary Bureau, to take elective office as senator, State of Tachira, Venezuela, was asked to become minister of health by the same revolutionary government that dissolved the congress to which he was elected.
- CHARLES R. GOULET,† former assistant professor of hospital and medical administration, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, has been appointed associate director, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., succeeding LAD F. GRAPSKI,† resigned to become director, University of Maryland Hospital.
- HARRY E. HANDLEY, M.D.,* former public health associate, Commonwealth Fund, is now deputy director, West Virginia Department of Health.
- ARCHIE D. HESS, Ph.D.,* director, Logan, Utah Field Station Section, Public Health Service Communicable Disease Center, has been named president-elect, American Mosquito Control Association, with responsibility for planning the 1959 annual meeting program to be held in Salt Lake City, April 13-15.
- IRIS JETTE, formerly on the Greater Anchorage Health District staff, Alaska Department of Health, has resigned to join the Indian Health Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, at Keams Canyon, Ariz.
- MARIE F. KIRWAN,* executive secretary, Yonkers Tuberculosis and Health Association, after 20 years of service has retired and has been succeeded by LOUISE G. CAMPBELL,* a one-time associate of the Health Education Division of the National Tuberculosis Association.
- WILLIAM KRAUS, M.D.,† former assistant director, Division of Tuberculosis Control, and director of its hospitals, is now director, Division of Chronic Diseases, Pennsylvania State Department of Health.
- J. RAYMOND LANGDON, M.D., former psychiatrist, Morningside Hospital, Portland, Ore., is director, Mental Hygiene Unit, Mental Health Section, Alaska Department of Health.
- NICHOLAS J. LAVNIKEVICH,† former executive secretary, Northwest Chapter, Connecticut Heart Association, has been appointed program director, Connecticut Heart Association, Hartford. He has been succeeded in Torrington by RUTH DEERING, R.N., who recently completed a traineeship program through the American Heart Association.
- JAMES LIEBERMAN, D.V.M.,* assistant to the chief, Training Branch, Public Health Service Communicable Disease Center, Atlanta, Ga., in mid-April was detailed to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for several weeks.

* Fellow.
† Member.

to serve as consultant in the development of a seminar on teaching public health in schools of veterinary medicine, planned in conjunction with the 1959 annual meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association in Kansas City.

WILLIAM MALAMUD, M.D., chairman, Division of Psychiatry, Boston University School of Medicine, psychiatrist-in-chief, Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals, and president-elect, American Psychiatric Association, will become director of research, National Association for Mental Health on September 1.

HILDEGARDE MCCOY is the new bacteriologist-serologist, Division of Laboratories, Wyoming State Health Department.

SAM MORCH,† public health educator, Williamsburg-Greenpoint District Health Center, New York City Department of Health, is on a two-year leave assigned to the International Cooperation Administration as village-agricultural and industrial development training adviser, Dacca, East Pakistan.

ELIZABETH MUMM,† former health educator, Quadri-County Health Department, at Golconda, Ill., is now with the Health Education Division, Alaska Department of Health.

MURRAY R. NATHAN,† former director, Office of Planning and Procedures, New York State Department of Health, has become administrative director of the State Department of Law.

AGNES NOHRNBERG, former membership consultant, National League for Nursing, has resigned to become public relations and membership consultant, California State Nurses Association.

JESS OSTERWEIL, former research consultant, National Travelers Aid Association, has been appointed an associate, Social Research Division, National Tuberculosis Association.

GEORGE O. PIERCE, P.E.,* former chief, Environmental Sanitation Branch, Pan American Sanitary Bureau, has been appointed assistant chief, Bureau of Food and Public Health Engineering, District of Columbia Department of Health, Washington, D. C.

JOSEF PREIZLER, M.D., M.P.H.,† former assistant health officer, Long Beach, California, is now epidemiologist, Wisconsin State Board of Health.

CALVIN A. PYLE, M.D., former tuberculosis specialist, Whipple Veterans Administration Center, is now director, Leavenworth City-County (Kans.) Health Department, succeeding H. S. BLESSE, M.D.

JEAN PIERRE ROSSELET, PH.D., has been appointed senior biochemist, Biochemistry Department, Schering Corporation, pharmaceutical manufacturers.

BERNARD SAPER, PH.D., former director, Counseling Center, and assistant professor of psychology, Northwestern University, has been appointed director of psychological services, New York State Department of Mental Hygiene, succeeding **ELAINE F. KINDER, PH.D.**, who will devote full time to a follow-up study of brain-operated schizophrenic patients at Rockland State Hospital.

EDWARD J. SCHOWALTER, M.D., has been appointed to the newly created post of medical director, Western Electric Company.

LEA SCHWARCZ, M.S.P.H.,† formerly on the New London (Conn.) Tuberculosis Association staff, is now eye health consultant, Commission for the Blind, New York State Department of Social Welfare, Albany.

LESLIE SILVERMAN, S.D., former associate professor of industrial hygiene engineering, has become professor of engineering in environmental hygiene, Harvard School of Public Health.

WILMA L. SMYTH, former child welfare supervisor, Montana State Department of Public Welfare, and recently serving an internship in medical-social work, Washington University, St. Louis, has been appointed medical-social work consultant, Division of Child Health Services, Montana State Board of Health.

GEORGE W. SPREHN, M.D., has been appointed director, Community Psychiatric Clinic, Montgomery County, Md., succeeding **HENRY A. SEGAL, M.D.**, resigned to enter private practice.

WILLIAM H. STEWART, M.D.,* former assistant to the Surgeon General, has been appointed assistant program operations officer, Public Health Service.

JAMES G. TERRILL, JR.,* former chief, Radiological Health Program, Division of Sanitary Engineering Services, has been made assistant chief, Division of Radiological Health, Public Health Service.

MAJOR STEFANO VIVONA, MC, M.D., M.P.H.,* U. S. Army, former assistant chief, Department of Biostatistics, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, is now chief, Preventive Medicine Research Branch, Research and Development Division, Office of the Surgeon General, Department of the Army.

ALICE M. WAGNER,† former assistant executive secretary, Montgomery County (Md.) Tuberculosis and Health Association, has been

* Fellow.

† Member.

appointed an associate, Program Development Division, National Tuberculosis Association, to serve as general field consultant.

FRANCIS J. WEBER, M.D., Dr.P.H.,* former medical director, Denver Regional Office, Public Health Service, has been named chief of the newly established Division of Radiological Health, Public Health Service.

ELMER P. WHEELER,† assistant director of, Monsanto Chemical Company, St. Louis, Mo., has been named president-elect, American Industrial Hygiene Association.

BRIGADIER GENERAL M. S. WHITE (MC), USAF, director of medical staffing and education for the Surgeon General, is the new president of the Aero Medical Association.

ARTHUR H. WOLFF, D.V.M., former assistant chief, Radiological Health Training Center, Cincinnati, is chief, Training Branch, Radiological Health Program, Public Health Service.

DEATHS

LEWIS O. BERNHAGEN,† director of sanitation, City Health Department, and chemist-bacteriologist, Beaumont City Health Department, Beaumont, Tex. (Food and Nutrition Section).

JOHN K. HOSKINS, former Assistant Surgeon General and Chief of the Sanitary Engineering Division, Public Health Service, on May 16.

HERMAN C. MENKEL, M.D.,† medical secretary, Oregon Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, on June 30, 1957 (Unaffiliated).

DAVID B. PECK, M.D.,† president, Bowman Dairy Company, Chicago, Ill. (Food and Nutrition Section).

SEVERO P. SENEN, M.D., M.P.H.,† regional health officer, Laoag, Ilocos Norte, Philippine Islands (Health Officers Section).

CONFERENCES AND DATES

American Public Health Association, 86th Annual Meeting. St. Louis, Mo. Headquarters: Kiel Auditorium, October 27-31.

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State and Regional Public Health Meetings:

Minnesota Public Health Association. St. Paul Hotel, St. Paul. September 18-19.

Nebraska Public Health Association. Castle Hotel, Omaha. September 25-26.

Pennsylvania Public Health Association. University Park, Pa. August 17-21.

Meetings of Other Organizations Coming in July, August, and September:

American Hospital Association. Chicago, Ill. August 18-21.

American Veterinary Medical Association. Philadelphia, Pa. August 18-21.

International Association for the Prevention of Blindness. Brussels, Belgium. September 8-12.

International Cancer Congress (Seventh). London, England. July 6-12.

International Congress on Diseases of the Chest. Tokyo, Japan. September 7-11.

International Congress on Home Economics (Ninth). University of Maryland, College Park, Md. July 28-August 2.

International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy (Second). Geneva, Switzerland. September 1-13.

International Congress of Photofluorography. Stockholm, Sweden. August 20-23.

International Congress of Psychotherapy. Barcelona, Spain. September.

International Congress of Tropical Medicine and Malaria. Lisbon, Portugal. September 5-13.

National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, Commonwealth Chest Conference. Royal Festive Hall, London, England. July 1-4.

National Conference on Public Health Training. Washington, D. C. July 28-30.

National Recreation Association. Atlantic City, N. J. September 22-26.

United States Conference on Mayors. Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, La. September 11-13.

World Federation of Occupational Therapists. International Congress. Copenhagen, Denmark. August 11-16.

World Federation of UN Associations. Brussels, Belgium. September.